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1. IN VIEW OF THE TOP-DRAWER TREATMENT ACCORDED THE CCPIT DELEGATION HEADED BY LI CHUAN ON ITS VISIT TO WASHINGTON, WE WANT TO FLAG THE POINT THAT CHOU P'EI-YUAN, LEADER OF THE PRC SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION (STA) DELEGATION LEAVING HERE FOR THE U.S. SEPTEMBER 23, RANKS AT LEAST AS HIGH AS LI. IN CHINESE PROTOCOL, CHOU AS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE NPC STANDING COMMITTEE PROBABLY WOULD RANK CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN LI. TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE STA DELEGATION, TSENG CHENG-KUEI AND CHUANG FENG-KAN ARE ALSO FORMER NPC DEPUTIES.

2. WE HAVE NO INDICATION FROM THE CHINESE THAT THEY EXPECT THE STA DELEGATION WILL RECEIVE "EQUAL TREATMENT" IN WASHINGTON, AND WE OF COURSE HAVE DONE NOTHING TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO EXPECT THIS, BUT WE WOULD NOT BE IN THE LEAST SURPRISED IF SUCH AN EXPECTATION EXISTS.  
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